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BRITISH COLUMBIA PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

Incorporated under the "Benevolent Societies Act, 1891."

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Institution shall be called the "British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home."

2. The object of this Institution is to receive and to provide a home for orphan, destitute and other children requiring such care; and to educate them in the Protestant faith, and instruct them in the elements of secular knowledge.

3. All persons contributing the sum of Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (and upwards) per annum to its funds shall be members of the Society and entitled to vote at its meetings.

4. The following shall be the Officers and Committee of Management of the Society until the election of their successors in 1894:—

F. H. WORLOCK, ESQ., President.
CHARLES HAYWARD, ESQ., Honorary Secretary.
JAMES HUTCHESON, ESQ., Honorary Treasurer,

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PROTESTANT ORPHANS HOME.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Right Reverend Bishop Cridge, F. H. Worlock, Esq., P. R. Brown, Esq., Charles Hayward, Esq.	}	Representing the Episcopal Churches.
Rev. P. McF. McLeod, Rev. Dr. Campbell, James Hutcheson, Esq., H. Carmichael, Esq.	}	Representing the Presbyterian Churches.
Rev. Solomon Cleaver, Rev. E. Robson, Noah Shakespeare, Esq., Henry Jewell, Esq.	}	Representing the Methodist Churches.

LADIES COMMITTEE.

Mrs. G. A. Sargison, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Thomas Earle, Mrs. Frank Adams.	}	Representing the Methodist Churches.
Mrs. James Hutcheson, Mrs. G. L. Milne, Mrs. Sarah Clark, Mrs. E. M. Gillespie	}	Representing the Presbyterian Churches.
Mrs. Edward Cridge, Mrs. D. W. Higgins, Mrs. Charles Kent, Mrs. Charles Hayward.	}	Representing the Episcopal Churches.

5. The management of this Institution shall be vested in a Committee chosen from the subscribers at the annual meeting to be called by the Secretary in January of each year, said Committee to consist of four representatives from each Protestant denomination in Victoria, of whom at least one shall be a Clergyman, and

not fewer than two Laymen, and one-third of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of general business.

6. It shall be the duty of such Committee at their first meeting, to be held not later than one week after their election, to appoint from their own number a President, Secretary and Treasurer; to meet at least once a quarter, and oftener if required; to provide for the support of the Institution by means of voluntary contributions and otherwise, as they may deem advisable.

7. The Committee, shall also, at their first meeting after election, appoint a committee of ladies composed of an equal number from each denomination to superintend the internal management of the Institution. Such committee of ladies shall appoint their officers and make regulations equitably according to the spirit of this Constitution and the basis on which the Association is formed.

8. The religious training of these orphans shall be conducted according to the doctrines and tenets held by the orthodox Protestant Churches. In this Constitution those Churches are esteemed orthodox which held as the foundation of their faith the sufficiency and authority of the Holy Scriptures for salvation—Holy Scriptures being the commonly received books of the Old and New Testaments,—so that, whatsoever, is not read therein or may not be proved thereby, is not to be required of any that it should be believed as an article of the Christian faith or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation (Art. 6, Ch. of Eng.); and which also hold the Articles of the Apostles' Creed as truths of our

common redemption, on the ground that they may be proved by most certain warrants of Holy Scripture. All therefore, who hold any office or authority as over the orphans shall be and continue to be Protestants of good character and sound in the faith. A form of prayers prepared for the purpose, together with portions of the Old and New Testament Scriptures, shall be read morning and evening daily.

9. The orphans shall, in charge of the matron, regularly attend divine service on Sunday (mornings) in the Victoria Churches of such of the orthodox Protestant denominations as are or shall be from time to time represented on the General Committee, as follows:—That is to say, the attendance shall be given in quarterly (tri-monthly) periods at the services of each such denomination in succession. In the case of any such denomination having regular services in more than one church in Victoria, the quarter's attendance pertaining to that denomination may be equally divided among its several churches. Attendances at these services and at any other times shall be in the discretion of the General Committee, as shall also other questions or exceptional cases that may from time to time arise.

10. One minister of each Protestant denomination as aforesaid in quarterly rotation, shall be the Minister or Chaplain of the orphans, with pastoral authority over them for that time as over a portion of his own flock, providing he does not in the exercise of such authority violate any rule of this Constitution.

11. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution except by a vote of a majority of the whole Committee

confirmed by a majority of the subscribers present at a general meeting, of which thirty days' notice shall be given. Such notice to intimate the changes recommended for the consideration of the meeting.

12. It shall be lawful for the Committee from time to time to make, vary and alter by-laws for the government of the Institution, and for all matters and things relating to the conduct and management of its affairs, provided that the same be not inconsistent with the foregoing Constitution, and that notice of any proposed alteration be given at a meeting of the Committee at least five days previously to such alteration being made.

BY-LAWS.

1. At all meetings of the members of this Society ten shall form a quorum for the transaction of any business, and the consent of a majority in numbers of those present at any such meeting (at which a quorum shall be present) shall be necessary for the passage of any resolution. Notice of annual and all other meetings of the members shall be given by publication in one Victoria daily paper, duly signed by the Secretary, and giving at least thirty-six hours notice of such meeting.

2. The Committee of Management shall have full charge of all the affairs of the Institution, but shall not sell, mortgage, exchange or otherwise dispose of any real property belonging to the Society until a resolution to that effect has been duly passed at a meeting of the

members. They shall fill up all vacancies in their own body, in the Ladies' Committee or any Standing Committee.

3. The President shall preside at all meetings, enforce order, appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for, countersign all drafts on the Treasurer, and together with the Committee, have general supervision of the Institution.

4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to collect all debts due the Society, canvass for subscriptions and other assistance for the Home, and hand the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to attend all meetings and keep a correct record of the same; report at the annual meeting an account of all business transacted during the year, the number of inmates, their names, sex and age, and the general condition of the Home. He shall have the custody of the corporate seal, and shall attach the same when required to do so by resolution of the Committee or the members. He shall have power to appoint an assistant to assist him in the discharge of his duties, at such remuneration as the Committee may from time to time, by resolution, determine. At the close of his term of office he shall turn over all books, papers or other property of the Society in his possession to his successor.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money collected by the Secretary, giving a receipt for same, keeping a just and true account of all financial transactions of the Society, and deposit the funds in some bank that the Committee may select, and pay the same out by order of the Committee, on drafts made by

the Secretary and countersigned by the President. He shall render a full account, and make a complete report at the close of his term, handing over all money, books and papers in his charge to his successor in office.

6. In case of the sickness or absence of any of the Officers, the Committee or members may fill up the vacancy *pro tem.*, and the person so appointed may perform the duties of the office until relieved by the proper incumbent.

7. The Ladies Committee shall have power, and it shall be their duty (subject to the approval of the General Committee) to superintend the internal business of the Home; to make, alter and amend By-Laws or Rules for the proper guidance of the Matron and other employees, and for the discipline and control of the inmates; to exhibit in the public office at the Home, the House Rules, time tables, bill of fare, etc., in force for the time being; also the name, age and sex of all the children, and when and how received; to elect their own servants and officers; to meet at least once a month; to receive and consider all accounts for supplies, etc., and after approval forward the same to the Secretary for payment.

8. There shall be a Standing Committee composed of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two of their own members elected by the Ladies Committee, to whom all applications for admission to the benefits of the Home shall be referred, and whose duty it shall be to make careful enquiry into each case, and admit or refuse the applicants; taking care that preference be given (if

necessary) to children who have lost both parents, and have resided longest in British Columbia. In very urgent cases the Officers may admit to the Home subject to the approval of the General Committee at the first meeting thereafter; but no child shall under any circumstances be admitted to the privileges of the Home until examined by a regular medical practitioner and an order obtained from the Secretary or one of the Officers.

9. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the Committee, provided that written notice of such amendment or alteration has been given at a meeting held not less than five days previously.

Certified correct as passed at an authorized meeting of the members held this 27th day of November, A. D. 1893, in the City of Victoria, B. C.

CHAS. HAYWARD,

Honorary Secretary.

FRED'K H. WORLOCK,

President.

Filed (in duplicate) this 29th day of November, 1893.

S. Y. WOOTTON,

Deputy Registrar-General,

Victoria, B. C.

